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**25th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
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ASSOCIATION
1933 - 1958**



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A MESSAGE FROM
HON. L. C. HALMRAST
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate the Alberta Beekeepers' Association on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary.

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ON YOUR

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tinued success to the Alberta Beekeepers' Association

from

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LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT

C. J. READ

The "Stories of Beekeeping in Alberta" which appear on the following pages are an honest attempt by the executive of your association to present an accurate account of earlier days. It is written in respect and gratitude to our "pioneers". We hope that the younger beekeepers will find pleasure and inspiration in these pages and that happy memories will be recalled for older members.

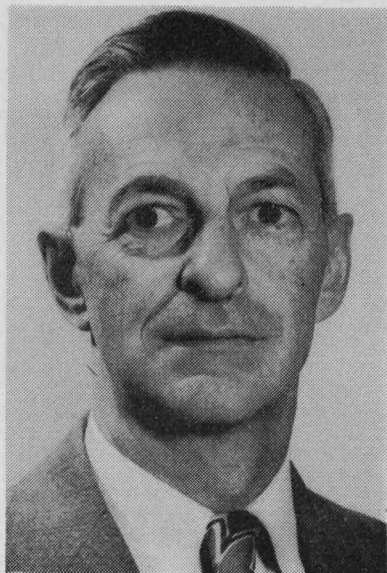
We thank all who helped to make this program possible through advertising and we are especially grateful to Mr. S. O. Hillerud whose brilliant memory provided much of the following information.



S. O. HILLERUD
PROVINCIAL APIARIST
1928 - 1939

Mr. S. O. Hillerud was the first Provincial Apiarist of Alberta. His appointment was announced in 1928 and he brought to his position extensive training in matters pertaining to Agriculture. He graduated from the University of Alberta in 1920 with the degree of B.S.A. Following graduation, he spent two years in Ontario working under direction with such well-known beekeepers as J. L. Byers, F. W. Krouse and Prof. G. L. Jarvis, and in taking post-graduate work at the Ontario Agricultural College. He also spent some time with the State Apiarists of Montana and California and was employed for two years as Provincial Inspector of Apiaries and lectured in Agriculture in the Provincial Schools of Agriculture.

In 1939, Mr. Hillerud found it impossible to continue in this post because of an allergy which aggravated the effects of poison gas from World War I. During the eleven years which he served us, he won the respect and admiration of practically every beekeeper in the Province. Although it is nearly twenty years since he resigned, our present staff of inspectors report that they still hear affectionate reports of Mr. Hillerud's work.



W. G. leMAISTRE

PROVINCIAL APIARIST

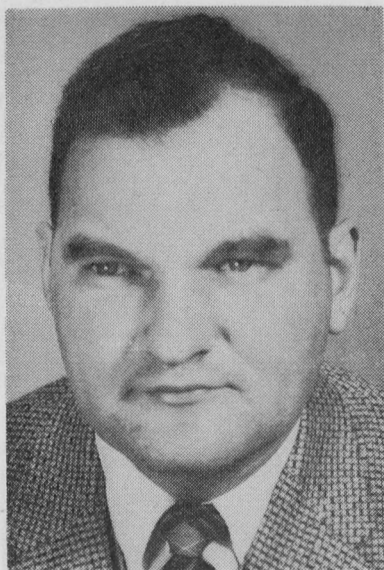
1939 - 1956

Mr. W. G. leMaistre was Provincial Apiarist of Alberta from 1939 until his death in 1956. He was born in England and came to Canada in 1922 and enrolled in the Ontario Agricultural College. After graduating in 1926, he farmed in Saskatchewan and worked briefly in Ottawa before returning to the College staff. In 1909 he moved to Edmonton to take over the post vacated by Mr. Hillerud.

Mr. leMaistre was known as Tarz to his associates. He obtained this name from his prowess as a wrestler at College where he was wrestling champion of his weight class. A keen sports enthusiast, he was an accomplished golfer, badminton player, tennis player and an ardent swimmer.

As a scientist in the field of Apiculture, he had the admiration of his fellow workers. His keen mind was always on the alert to recognize and find the solution to beekeeping problems. At Beekeepers' Council meetings his advice was always anticipated with keen interest as being fair and well projected into the future.

Tarz had a warm personality and sharp sense of humor. He will long be remembered by beekeepers of all Canada for his untiring services to the beekeeping industry.



J. W. EDMUNDS
SUPERVISOR OF APICULTURE

J. W. Edmunds was born in Eastern Ontario and reared on a mixed dairy farm. Prior to World War II he was employed in construction work. Following the war Jack resumed his schooling and in 1951 he graduated from Ontario Agricultural College with the degree of B.S.A. specializing in Apiculture. During the summers at College, he worked for the Bee Division, Central Experimental Farms, Ottawa, under the direction of the late Dr. C. A. Jamieson. Some time was also spent working for commercial beekeepers in Ontario.

In 1951, Jack came to Alberta as Supervisor of Apiary Inspection. In this position, he was privileged to be closely associated with Mr. leMaistre for a period of five years. During these five years he travelled extensively through the Province winning the respect of beekeepers everywhere. When Mr. leMaistre died in 1956, Jack became Supervisor of Apiculture and the beekeepers of Alberta were indeed fortunate to have a man so well prepared for the task.

History of Alberta Beekeeping

The first beekeeper known in Alberta was a Mr. Whitney who lived at Lethbridge. Mr. Whitney kept five colonies of bees for one summer and then placed them in a cellar for wintering. By spring, all five colonies were dead and Mr. Whitney was discouraged from further attempting at beekeeping.

The first bees to be kept in the Edmonton area went to British Columbia from Ontario and were then shipped to Calgary by train. They finally completed the journey to Edmonton by stage coach. The shipment consisted of two colonies which were located near the present site of the C.N.R. station. It is unfortunate that the name of this early beekeeper is lost to historians.

If you would say that "Success" is the ability to make the most money from the least investment, the honor of being the most successful beekeeper in Alberta would have to be given to Mr. R. N. Wilson of Standoff. Mr. Wilson was a retired "Mountie". His ability to apply himself to the task at hand is illustrated by the fact that he once learned an Indian language in six weeks well enough to be an interpreter for the R.C.M.P. As an apiarist, he kept from forty to sixty colonies and kept detailed records of each colony. These records indicated the build-up, behavior and production of each colony. He also kept detailed records of his investments and earnings from his apiary.

All pioneers are, in a sense, adventurers. The most adventurous beekeeper to date was a pioneer apiarist by the name of C. George Riddell. It was Mr. Riddell who established commercial beekeeping in Alberta. He started with three hundred colonies in 1922 and began by keeping one hundred and fifty colonies per out-yard but soon discovered that half that number was more practical.

Far-away fields looked greener to Mr. Riddell. He learned that in China honey was used as a medicine and sold for the equivalent of \$1.25 per pound so he went with his bees to the other side of the world. Honey crops in this far-away land were poor indeed until the adventurous Albertan discovered that Chinese wasps were stealing the honey from the hives. The solution to this problem was to hire Coolies to sit by the hives all day and swat the wasps. Honey crops were then good but the higher production lowered the prices. Mr. Riddell was so successful that he soon became Provincial Apiarist of four Chinese Provinces and lecturer on Apiculture in three Chinese Universities. Eventually the Japanese bombings destroyed his bees and with the coming of war, Mr. Riddell returned to North America.

Mr. Riddell, who is now over seventy years of age, had numerous other beekeeping adventures, among them the export of honey to England and the trucking of package bees from the Winfield Gear Apiaries in California to Alberta. The route was through the Donners Pass and an old Federal truck was used to carry the bees.

Before the Riddell Honey Co. came into existence, there was quietly working at the Lethbridge Experimental Station a man who has been described as a "born investigator and a good practical beekeeper and honest recorder". This man was Harry Luther and his records and experiments contributed much to later beekeeping in this Province.

It wasn't long until there were enough beekeepers in Alberta to warrant the formation of the Alberta Beekeepers Association. Birth of the association took place at Lethbridge in 1933 with Mr. Jack Graham as its first President. He and Mr. Hawthorne, who managed Riddell Honey Company, were the moving spirits of the association and they had a vision of it developing into a Co-op. This would stabilize honey markets and prices thus ending the war between buyer and seller and the price cutting tactics of beekeepers trying to sell their honey crops in the fall. After twelve years of disorganization, the association was sorely needed. During its infancy, the association had to cry loud and long for recognition and attention. Beekeepers today owe much to the founders for their patience and perseverance. For example, it took three years of patient work to get the railways to re-classify package bees so that they could be brought from California at a reasonable rate of express.

Now the association, at the age of twenty five, is in its prime and the co-operation of the beekeepers of the Province could be a strong influence for good in the industry.

Before leaving the Lethbridge area, mention must be made briefly of a few more of the early beekeepers. Mr. W. S. S. Curr was the first man in Alberta to derive his entire income from the keeping of bees. Mr. Shurtz was the first to manufacture and sell bee

equipment and H. Goertzen was the first man to manufacture foundation in Alberta. This area was probably also the first to experience labor troubles. One beekeeper sent his men out to remove some supers of honey from the hives. These poor fellows had never been shown how to get the bees out of the supers but they soon got around that obstacle by standing the supers on end and forcing the bees out with the use of a water hose. The fermented honey which resulted is still referred to as the "Vauxhall Incident."

BEEKEEPING IN BROOKS —

From Lethbridge, beekeeping spread to the Brooks area. The first beekeeper here was Don Bark. He kept two colonies which were diseased and destroyed by Mr. Hillerud. This fire was the first of several which occurred in this area. Mr. Riddell started keeping bees in Brooks too but because of an extremely wet summer and impassable roads, his venture was not successful. However, about a dozen new beekeepers got their start by catching some of the many swarms from Riddell's hives.

One of the first commercial beekeepers in the Brooks area was Mr. C. Elmer Morgan. He was a good beekeeper and one who carried on many experiments. He attempted to winter bees in a huge cellar that he had constructed for this purpose. This experiment was not successful but the cellar is still in use for storing bee equipment. Mr. Morgan also carried out experiments with two-queen colonies and one year he produced a crop of three hundred and twenty pounds per hive on over one thousand colonies. Mr. Morgan produced and sold many carloads of honey during his stay in Brooks.

Mr. Morgan was extremely fortunate in securing the services of Mr. S. A. Stewart as manager for his apiaries. Mr. Stewart served faithfully in this position for many years and during this time he shared his wealth of knowledge and experience with many young beekeepers.

FEMININE BEEKEEPING —

Our lady beekeepers today may be encouraged by the story of Mrs. Henry who kept two hundred colonies at Brooks. Mrs. Henry was a good business manager and a very capable beekeeper and made a success of this man-sized job.

Also located at Brooks were the Philpott Bros. William and Harry Philpott were the proud producers of Prairie Queen Brand Honey. Both of these men were active in beekeeping organizations. Both of these apiaries are now being operated by sons of the original owners.

Until the present time the Calgary area had not been noted for any commercial beekeepers. However, there has always been a number of beekeepers in the district. Among them were Mr. E. G. Goodhall and Mr. L. Knechtel. These were men who kept bees as a scientific art and pleasurable occupation. Fellowship and goodwill has always been high and the Calgary Association has always been a source of satisfaction to the Provincial Apiarists.

ORIGINAL STOCK AT LACOMBE —

The first known beekeeper in Central Alberta was Mr. Lembieze of Lacombe. His colonies were some of the original British Black stock and were brought to this area in hives from the United States. Mr. Lembieze bought some Italian stock and produced hybrids but trouble developed because the Italians were carriers of European Foulbrood but were resistant to the disease. However the British Blacks were susceptible and soon came down with the disease.

With the mention of disease, attention is called to the first bee inspector in Alberta. His name was Duncan Chalmers. As well as being first, he was one of the best. He came from Ontario and taught at the School of Agriculture at Vermilion and was once horticulturist at the University of Alberta. As an apiarist, he consistently earned more from over-wintered colonies than from packages. He was a great naturalist and keen observer. It is said that he could tell to the day when various honey flows would begin and end. On at least one occasion he was able to capitalize on his observations. He noted that there was going to be a rare flow of mint honey and he made preparations to keep it separate from other honey. He sold his mint honey for one dollar per pound and the demand was far greater than the supply. Mr. Chalmers was the "Johnnie Appleseed" of apiculture in Alberta. Everywhere he went he talked about bees and he conducted many "one-man short courses". He was most active in Central and Northern Alberta.

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1958 CONVENTION PROGRAM

STAMPEDER HOTEL - CALGARY, ALBERTA

NOVEMBER, 20, 1958

- 9.30 Registration
- 10.00 President's Report C. J. Read, Red Deer, Alta.
- 10.30 Report of Secretary-Treasurer—
Raymond Wood, Peace River, Alta.
- Appointment of Committees.
- 10.45 Report of Supervisor of Apiculture—
J. W. Edmunds, Edmonton
- 11.15 Message from the Minister of Agriculture—
Hon. L. C. Halmrast, Edmonton

LUNCHEON

- 1.15 Extracted and Strained.
- 2.00 Chemotherapy and Its Hazards and Limitations—
Dr. H. Laidlaw, Jr.
Associate Professor of Entomology
University of California.
- 3.00 This Business of Selling Honey—
Mr. H. G. Bird, General Manager
Hodgson's Bee Supplies Limited
New Westminster, B.C.
- 3.45 Report from Beaverlodge—
P. Pankiw, Apiarist
Dominion Experimental Station
Beaverlodge, Alberta

1958 CONVENTION PROGRAM

STAMPEDER HOTEL - CALGARY, ALBERTA

NOVEMBER 21, 1958

10.00 A Glimpse at the Future of Beekeeping—
P. F. Pawlowski, Manager
Alberta Honey Producers Co-Op. Ltd.
Edmonton, Alta.

11.00 The Science of Breeding Better Bees—
Dr. H. Laidlaw, Jr.
Associate Professor of Entomology
University of California

LUNCHEON

1.30 Resolutions

3.00 Election of Officers for 1959

6.30 Banquet

7.30 A Talk by the First Provincial Apiarist of Alberta—
S. O. Hillerud, Claresholm, Alta.



A WHOLE EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

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ALBERTA BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

From

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WHO REMIND YOU THAT:

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ALBERTA HONEY IS THE BEST

Some of Mr. Chalmers "seeds" fell on fertile ground and germinated in the heart of Mr. T. C. Pangle of Lacombe. Mr. Pangle is still keeping bees in this area and he is presently serving on the executive of the Alberta Beekeepers Association. He never misses a chance to help his friends and neighbors.

A LIFE OF SERVICE —

One of the great tragedies of life is to look back and see the opportunities which have been lost. One beekeeper who will never have to bear this pain is Pete Kowalski. Pete never had more than thirty colonies and in spite of the fact that his main income came from other sources, he worked tirelessly for the honey industry. In 1936, his father-in-law gave him two colonies of bees. This was the beginning of his untiring efforts for the welfare of the beekeeping fraternity. Through his arduous efforts, the ground work for the Alberta Honey Producers Co-op was laid. He purchased the first share, was first provisional chairman, and was president of the organization for eighteen years. With the exception of one year when he and Mrs. Kowalski made a trip around the world, he has been the only president of The Alberta Honey Producers Co-op. This, in itself, speaks for the high esteem which beekeepers have for Mr. Kowalski.

Closer to home, he was president or secretary-treasurer of the Bon Accord Beekeepers Association during all its years of operation. At one time this association had thirty five members. Pete was also very active in the Alberta Association having held the position of president at one time. He also served a term as President of the Canadian Beekeepers Council. This booklet would never contain all that could be said in Pete's favor. The colorful stories of some of his experiences are numerous. More than once, Pete has graced the offices of Ministers of Agriculture in both Ottawa and Edmonton trying to improve the position of the beekeeper. He wasn't always successful in obtaining what he went after, but certainly he succeeded far more often than those who never try.

Mr. Kowalski's affable nature and genuine interest in people have won him a host of friends from coast to coast. His interest in all phases of the beekeeping enterprise has equalled his interest in people and today Pete ranks among the greats in Alberta and Canadian beekeeping circles.

A DREAM COMES TRUE —

The Alberta Honey Producers Co-op may well be considered an offspring of the Alberta Beekeepers Association. The early organizers of the Alberta Beekeepers Association hoped that an organization such as the Co-op would develop from their efforts. Their dreams did not begin to materialize until 1936 when letters from various beekeepers throughout the Province indicated a hearty agreement to the formation of a Honey Producers Co-operative. This led to the holding of an organizational meeting with Mr. S. O. Hillerud, Provincial Apiarist, and Mr. H. Christenson of the Department of Trade and Industry in attendance. Ten members were appointed to form a co-operative. These original members were B. H. Backus of Stoney Plain, E. J. Pecknold, W. H. Coghill, C. Hunsley and A. J. Cantin all of Edmonton, P. Kowalski of Bon Accord, E. A. McLeod of Mirror, J. D. Watt, Rossington, Mr. Kilek of Leduc and C. Fraser of Winterburn. It is interesting to note that a collection of \$4.25 was taken up to help defray the expenses of this meeting. After various delays, a provisional directorate of the Alberta Honey Producers Co-op met to elect officers on 20th January, 1940. Mr. P. Kowalski was elected President. Arrangements were made with Mr. E. A. Johnstone of Central Alberta Dairy Pool to sell honey for the newly formed co-operative under the brand name of "Golden West".

It is interesting to note in the minutes of the Alberta Honey Producers Co-op of 1940, instructions to the secretary to contact Messrs. W. and J. Graham of Coaldale, R. H. Hawthorne of Taber and C. Elmer Morgan of Brooks asking their co-operation in establishing wholesale price of honey.

In 1941, Mr. Graham of Coaldale outlined to the Board, the methods used in trucking package bees. However, the board decided it was too risky and voted in favor of rail shipments.

BUILD OWN PLANT —

In 1942, Mr. leMaistre reported that there would be difficulties in obtaining honey containers. Wood, paper, and plastic containers were considered. Markets were reported to be at a standstill but by March all honey had been sold. Also in 1942, an arrangement was made with Southern Alberta Dairy Pool to pack honey for the Alberta Honey Producers Co-op. This arrangement lasted until 1947 when the Co-op built their own plant at 10019 106 Avenue, Edmonton. A great deal of controversy arose at various times over the location of the plant. Some members wanted it in the Southern part of the Province, others Central and others wanted it in Northern Alberta.

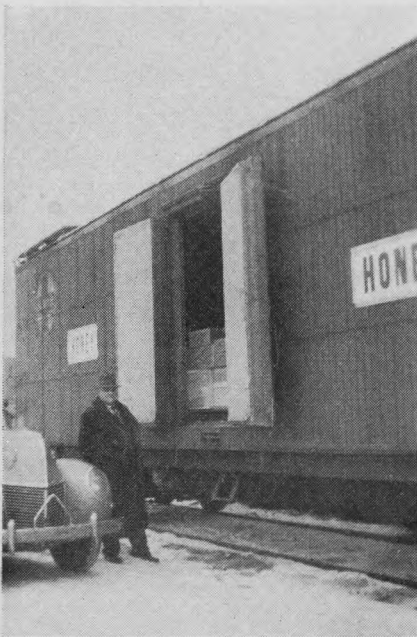
The Provincial Department of Agriculture deserves a great deal of credit for its efforts and contributions in getting the Alberta Honey Producers Co-op started. In 1945, they permitted Mr. leMaistre to act as managing director and they also provided space in the Terrace Building and a staff of Mr. J. Blewett and Miss M. Fedderly to carry on the business. This arrangement lasted for two years.

In 1947, the brand name was changed from "Golden West" to "Altasweet". In that year the Alberta Honey Producers Co-op took in 331,000 pounds of honey. This intake continued to increase until in 1955 almost two million pounds was received and it became obvious that larger quarters were needed to handle this volume. In 1956, a new location was purchased at 10971 102 Street, Edmonton and the floor space has been more than doubled. We feel confident that the growth of the Alberta Honey Producers Co-op will continue to keep pace with the industry and will become increasingly more valuable to the beekeepers of this Province.

LOVE'S PRIDE OF THE PRAIRIES —

Probably the oldest and one of the most respected names in commercial honey selling in western Canada is Love's "Pride of the Prairies".

Usually at a twenty-fifth anniversary celebration, many good people join in fellowship to pay tribute to the people, or company, or association, that they have known and associated with for a quarter of a century.



At such a time it is impossible not to look back over the years and pay our respects to the men and women who, by their vision, courage and hard work, have made it possible in this case, to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the Alberta Beekeepers' Association.

Such a man among the early pioneers of commercial honey production and selling was Harry Love. The story of Love's Limited is, of course, in the main the life story of this man. After his retirement and before his untimely death in Vancouver in December of 1946, Harry remembered and often spoke of the men who were his friends and virtually charter members of this fine association. Many of these men will probably be in attendance — Waldemar Masciuch of Athabasca; the Watson brothers of Colinton; A. C. Bradley of Athabasca; Jim Howe of Vauxhall and Allan Graham's dad of Coaldale, to name but a few.

Harry Love started raising bees and selling honey in a commercial way in Irma, Alberta in 1925. At that time he was manager of the Co-op store, and it was only a year later when he had to make the hard decision as to whether he would remain as manager, or whether he should go into the honey business for himself. He decided on honey and from that time on, never looked back.

It was now that his newspaper experience, culminating as editor of the Irma Times, came to the fore. An able advertising man in his own right, he understood advertising and sales promotion so well, that before another two years had passed, he was buying fairly large

quantities of honey from other producers, to supply the demand that he had created. His business career from then on in was studded with many firsts. First commercial honey packer in western Canada . . . First commercial producer in Alberta to use a large Hodgson radial extractor (1928) . . . First to advertise honey in stores on a large scale, with observation hives (1932) . . . First to pack honey in commercial quantities in monos and pergas . . . First to sell cut-comb honey commercially. This product was featured at the National Beekeepers' Convention at Sacramento, California in 1939 . . . and last but not least, was first to ship a full carload of northern Alberta honey to Vancouver, to the Oceanic Sales in December, 1940.

By 1930, sales had reached such proportions in the city of Edmonton, that the family lived there during the winter to pack and sell the honey, returning to Irma in the spring to their ever increasing apiaries. During these early years, and in fact throughout his business career, Harry, as so many other successful men have done, gave credit to his wife and family for their help and understanding.

In 1952, Harry's son-in-law, Jack Wilson joined the firm, the business increasing to the point that they could move to larger premises at 124th Street and Stoney Plain Road the following year. From there, in 1934, they moved to 104th Street and Jasper Avenue, by the main fire hall; thence to the MacFarland block, and finally, in 1936, they moved to the building on 95th Street that was to be their home for the next twenty years. At about this time Harry was the fore-runner of the modern re-usable freezer jar for liquid honey. He bought by the car-load, and in such quantity that he had Love's name embossed in the glass of the Easy-Seal fruit jars.

Love's entered the bee-supply business at about this time, in a large way, manufacturing most of the things themselves, or representing Hodgson Bee Supplies, in New Westminster, in others.

Of these early years, Harry and Jack had many anecdotes to tell. When the packaged bees would come in, sometimes as many as a carload and a half in one night, the railroad boys would jokingly say they were going to charge Jack office rent, as he appeared to move into their premises for days on end with hammer, saw and pencil, dispatching the packaged bees to beekeepers all over Alberta. Or about the time that they bought a large quantity of beeswax only to find there were rocks in the center of each slab. Probably the one that Harry Love enjoyed most was in his early beekeeping days in Irma. One of the mysteries of that time was the tremendous growth of sweet clover along the railroad right of way, the roads and the ditches in that district. Harry was always amazed at the way the sweet clover seeds that he had scattered so blithely on his long walks along these same roads and ditches in the early spring. He was a regular "Johnny Appleseed" with his sweet clover seed. His bees loved it — not so the railroads or the maintenance crews of the roads and ditches.

Such was Harry's personality, ability and drive, the business expanded, grew and prospered, to the point that his company became one of the largest commercial honey packers in Canada. Unfortunately, due to ill health, he was forced to sell out and retire in 1945.

His untimely death in December of 1946 brought to a close the life of one of western Canada's ablest and most dedicated exponent of the production and sale of honey,

So, in closing tribute to one of the pioneers of this association, and to the association itself, we feel that if he were here he would certainly be attending this Silver Anniversary of the Alberta Beekeepers' Association. We feel sure that he would be proud of the progress that has been made in the past twenty-five years and would express his faith in the future growth and expansion of this fine young industry, to all members present.

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL AND BEEKEEPING IN ALBERTA —

From a very insignificant start, this organization has developed a substantial interest in Alberta honey and therefore at the same time an equal interest in the beekeepers in Alberta.

Records of the meeting of the Board and Directors held in Red Deer on February 26th, 1940 contain the following Board Resolution: "Moved by Mr. Meriam and seconded by Mr. Morrison that our Manager complete arrangements with the Alberta Honey Producers Association Ltd. for a period of one year. Carried." This was the commencement of this organization's association with honey and the beekeepers of Alberta. Except for a period

from 1945 to 1949, Central Dairy Pool has had more than a passing interest in production and in marketing of honey.

During the formative years of the life of the Alberta Honey Producers Co-op Ltd., this Association desired to have a plant process honey and this organization was not able to provide the space and the initial equipment for such an operation. It was during that period that by arrangement interest of Central Alberta Dairy Pool in this product was carried on by a sister dairy co-operative, the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool, Ltd. of which Mr. Chris Toppenberg was the manager. In 1949 the outside plants of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool, Ltd. became part of the organization so that in effect the continuity of this organization's interest in honey was maintained. It was at this time also that Mr. Fred Rathje of Natur-Maid Honey Co. of Calgary commenced marketing pasteurized honey. In 1954 Natur-Maid Honey Co. was acquired by Central Alberta Dairy Pool. By this time Mr. Fred Rathje moved his honey plant from Calgary to the town of Bassano. He is now operating this solely as a honey processing plant and with all the product of that plant being put up under the "Alpha" label. Alpha is the trade name for all our honey, milk, butter and ice cream, marketed by Central Alberta Dairy Pool. It is a generally accepted opinion, and well founded, that Mr. Fred Rathje has made a sizable contribution in Alberta to the development of pasteurized honey, both creamed and liquid.

Central Alberta Dairy Pool is now handling on a yearly basis approximately ten times the quantity that was handled in the year 1954. This organization's particular area of interest in purchasing of honey is the southern half of Alberta. Honey growers who sell their honey to Co-op become members of the organization in the same manner and under the same conditions as any other member. In 1958 the by-laws of the organization were amended so that the honey-grower members to the organization could have a delegate of their own. The honor of being the first delegate under this revised classification went to Mr. Robert Asher of Brooks.

NATURAL! —

It is generally agreed that Alberta honey is the finest honey in North America. With a product that is naturally so good, it should take little effort to promote it. One way to attract nation-wide publicity for Alberta honey is through the exhibitions. It is difficult to understand why so few beekeepers take advantage of this opportunity to gain fame. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bradley of Athabasca, the Regamey family of Edmonton and Mr. A. Stuart Bird of Edmonton are the most enthusiastic exhibitors. They have been consistent winners at national fairs and exhibitions. The highest award that has come to Alberta to date was won by a Mr. McGregor of Westlock who took second prize in the Imperial Honey Show in England.

IN THE LAND OF THE MIGHTY PEACE —

Beekeeping in the Peace River district got its start largely through the efforts of Mr. Albright of the Beaverlodge Experimental Station. His records proved that bees could be successfully kept in the North and his enthusiasm for beekeeping hastened the development of the industry in this area. Could he have imagined just how successful bees could be kept in the North or how quickly honey production would increase?

The Peace River Block is sometimes called a "Beekeepers Paradise". This paradise, however, lacks roads in many places and can also boast of muddy roads that sometimes make bee yards inaccessible. Very often when the bee yards are reached, it is to discover that bears have been having a picnic. In many respects the beekeepers in the North are pioneering at pioneering spirit once prompted a beekeeper to drive a horse and buggy two hundred and and giving up. Beekeepers in the North seem to be as enthusiastic as anywhere and the the present time. Sometimes, it takes a great deal of enthusiasm to avoid becoming discouraged fifty miles round trip to visit Mr. Albright to get answers to some of his beekeeping problems.

Many changes have taken place in apiculture during the past twenty five years. Conditions have improved steadily during all these years and it is difficult to name all the influences that affected the industry. No doubt, the automobile has been one of the greatest benefactors. The organization of honey marketing has been improved in recent years. The introduction of honey grading and inspection and improved packaging has aided sales promotion and resulted in a wider distribution of supplies. The result has been greater stability in the demand for honey. The industry in this Province is blessed with a large percentage of aggressive young beekeepers who will ensure that Apiculture in Alberta will continue to keep pace with progress.



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